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PARTIAL CONSENT DECREE

I. BACKGROUND

- A. The United States of America ("United States"), on behalf of the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), filed two complaints in this matter pursuant to Section 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. § 9607, as amended ("CERCLA"), seeking reimbursement of response costs incurred and to be incurred by the United States for response actions taken at or in connection with the release or threatened release of hazardous substances at the Suburban Operable Unit of the San Gabriel Valley Superfund Sites, Areas 1-4, located in Los Angeles County, California.
- B. The State of California ("State"), on behalf of the State Department of Toxic Substances Control ("DTSC"), also filed a complaint in this matter pursuant to Section 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9607, California Civil Code § 3494, and California Health and Safety Code §§ 205 and 206. DTSC in its complaint seeks judgment against all defendants, jointly and severally, for all costs incurred by the state including legal expenses and interest, in connection with a release or threatened release of hazardous substances at the Suburban Operable Unit of the San Gabriel Valley Superfund Sites. DTSC also seeks declaratory judgment pursuant to § 113(g)(2) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9613(g)(2), that the defendants, jointly and severally, are liable for all future response costs to be incurred by DTSC at this site.

- C. The defendants that have entered into this Consent

 Decree ("Settling Defendants") do not admit and expressly deny
 any liability to Plaintiffs arising out of the transactions or
 occurrences alleged in the complaints. The Plaintiffs and

 Settling Defendants agree that neither this Consent Decree, nor
 entry into settlement, nor any payments pursuant to this Consent

 Decree shall constitute or be construed as a finding or an
 admission, adjudication or acknowledgment of any fact or law, or
 of any liability, fault or wrongdoing, or evidence of such, or an
 admission of violation of any law, rule or regulation by Settling

 Defendants.
- D. The purpose of this Consent Decree is to avoid prolonged litigation and to provide for the Settling Defendants' payment of specified amounts of the past response costs for the Suburban Operable Unit of the San Gabriel Valley Superfund Sites. The parties to this Consent Decree recognize that the Settling Defendants' payment represents only a part of the total past costs of the Suburban Operable Unit and of the past costs of basin-wide investigations relating to their former properties located within the Suburban Operable Unit. In entering into this Consent Decree, the Plaintiffs have considered the circumstances of the releases and threatened releases of hazardous substances in the Basin, the involvement of the Settling Defendants in the ownership and/or operation of facilities located in the Suburban Operable Unit, and litigation risks in connection with the Settling Defendants.

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E. The United States, DTSC and Settling Defendants agree, and this Court by entering this Consent Decree finds, that this Consent Decree has been negotiated by the Parties in good faith, that settlement of this matter will avoid prolonged and complicated litigation between the Parties, and that this Consent Decree is fair, reasonable, and in the public interest.

THEREFORE, with the consent of the parties to this Consent Decree, it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED:

II. JURISDICTION

1. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1345 and 42 U.S.C. §§ 9607 and 9613(b) and also has personal jurisdiction over Settling Defendants. This Court has supplemental jurisdiction over the State law claims. Settling Defendants consent to and shall not challenge entry of this Consent Decree or this Court's jurisdiction to enter and enforce this Consent Decree.

III. PARTIES BOUND

2. This Consent Decree is binding upon the United States and DTSC, and upon Settling Defendants and their successors and assigns. Any change in ownership or corporate or other legal status, including but not limited to, any transfer of assets or real or personal property, shall in no way alter the status or responsibilities of Settling Defendants under this Consent Decree.

IV. <u>DEFINITIONS</u>

3. Unless otherwise expressly provided herein, terms used in this Consent Decree which are defined in CERCLA or in

regulations promulgated under CERCLA shall have the meaning assigned to them in CERCLA or in such regulations. Whenever terms listed below are used in this Consent Decree or in any appendix attached hereto, the following definitions shall apply:

- a. "Basin-wide Response Costs" shall mean all costs, including but not limited to direct and indirect costs, together with accrued Interest, that the United States and DTSC have paid for Basin-wide/non-operable unit specific response actions in connection with the San Gabriel Valley Superfund Sites, Areas 1-4.
- b. "CERCLA" shall mean the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 9601, et seq.
- c. "Consent Decree" shall mean this Consent Decree and all appendices attached hereto. In the event of conflict between this Consent Decree and any appendix, the Consent Decree shall control.
- d. "Day" shall mean a calendar day. In computing any period of time under this Consent Decree, where the last day would fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or federal holiday, the period shall run until the close of business of the next working day.
- f. "DOJ" shall mean the United States Department of Justice and any successor departments, agencies or instrumentalities of the United States.
- e. "DTSC" shall mean the California Department of Toxic Substances Control and any successor departments or agencies.

- g. "DTSC Past Response Costs" shall mean all costs, including but not limited to direct and indirect costs, together with accrued Interest, that DTSC, and the State on behalf of DTSC, have paid through the date of lodging of this Consent Decree in response to the release or threatened release of hazardous substances at or in connection with the Site, but not including amounts reimbursed to DTSC by EPA.
- h. "EPA" shall mean the United States Environmental Protection Agency and any successor departments, agencies or instrumentalities of the United States.
- i. "EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund" shall mean the Hazardous Substance Superfund established by the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 9507.
- j. "Interest" shall mean interest at the current rate specified for interest on investments of the Hazardous Substance Superfund established by 26 U.S.C. § 9507, compounded annually on October 1 of each year, in accordance with 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a).
- k. "Paragraph" shall mean a portion of this Consent

 Decree identified by an arabic numeral or an upper or lower case
 letter.
- "Parties" shall mean the United States, the DTSC, and the Settling Defendants.
- m. "Past Response Costs" shall mean all costs, including but not limited to direct and indirect costs and that portion of the Basin-wide Response Costs, that EPA, and DOJ on behalf of EPA, have paid at or in connection with the Site

through the date of lodging of this Consent Decree, plus accrued Interest on all such costs through such date.

- n. "Plaintiffs" shall mean the United States and the California Department of Toxic Substances Control.
- o. "San Gabriel Valley Superfund Sites Special Account" shall mean the special account established for the Site by EPA pursuant to Section 122(b)(3) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9622(b)(3).
- p. "Section" shall mean a portion of this Consent Decree identified by a roman numeral.
- q. "Settling Defendants" shall mean R. H. Peterson Company, the Oil & Solvent Process Company, and Chemical Waste Management, Inc. Oil & Solvent Process Company and Chemical Waste Management, Inc. are collectively referred to as "OSCO".
- r. "Site" shall mean the Suburban Operable Unit of the San Gabriel Valley Superfund Sites, Areas 1,2 and 4, including the site formerly leased and/or operated by R. H. Peterson Company, located at 530 Baldwin Park Boulevard in the City of Industry, in Los Angeles County, California and the site Plaintiffs maintain was formerly owned and/or operated by OSCO located in the vicinity of Alanwood Road, La Puente, California (formerly known as 539 South Bassetdale, La Puente, California). EPA has determined that each of the Settling Defendants has owned and/or operated and/or currently owns and/or operates properties that are located at the Site. OSCO disputes this determination.
 - s. "State" shall mean the State of California.

t. "United States" shall mean the United States of America, including its departments, agencies and instrumentalities.

V. REIMBURSEMENT OF RESPONSE COSTS

Payment of Past Response Costs to the EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund. Within 30 days of entry of this Consent Decree, Settling Defendant R. H. Peterson Company shall pay to the EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund \$285,000 in reimbursement of Past Response Costs plus an additional sum for Interest on that amount calculated from twenty (20) days after entry of this Consent Decree through the date of payment. Within 30 days of entry of this Consent Decree, Settling Defendants Oil & Solvent Process Company and Chemical Waste Management, Inc. collectively shall pay to the EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund in reimbursement of Past Response Costs \$617,500, plus the interest accrued on that amount in account number 5330159504 from January 12, 2001 and any subsequently established escrow accounts until the date of payment plus an additional sum for Interest on that amount calculated from twenty (20) days after entry of this Consent Decree through the date of payment. Each Settling Defendant shall make its payment by FedWire Electronic Funds Transfer ("EFT") to the U.S. Department of Justice account in accordance with current EFT procedures, referencing the San Gabriel Valley Superfund Sites, Area 1 (Suburban Operable Unit), the USAO File Number, the EPA Region and Site Spill ID Number 09-M3, and DOJ Case Number 90-11-3-1691. Each Settling Defendant shall make its payment in accordance with instructions provided

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to the Settling Defendants by the Financial Litigation Unit of the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Central District of California following lodging of the Consent Decree. Any payments received by the Department of Justice after 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time shall be credited on the next business day. Each of the Settling Defendants individually shall send notice to EPA and DOJ that payment has been made as specified in Section XIII (Notices and Submissions).

- 5. The amounts paid by each Settling Defendant to the United States pursuant to Paragraph 4 shall be deposited in the San Gabriel Valley Superfund Sites Special Account within the EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund to be retained and used to conduct or finance response actions at or in connection with the San Gabriel Valley Superfund Sites, or transferred by EPA to the EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund.
- 6. Payment of Past Response Costs to DTSC. Within 30 days of entry of this Consent Decree, Settling Defendant R. H.

 Peterson Company shall pay to DTSC \$15,000 in the form of a certified check or cashier's check, in reimbursement of DTSC's Past Response Costs, plus an additional sum for Interest on that amount calculated from twenty (20) days after entry of this Consent Decree through the date of payment. Within 30 days of entry of this Consent Decree, Settling Defendants Oil & Solvent Process Company and Chemical Waste Management, Inc. collectively shall pay in the form of a certified check or cashier's check, in reimbursement of DTSC's Past Response Costs to DTSC \$32,500, plus the interest accrued on that amount in account number 5330159504

from January 12, 2001 until the date of payment plus an additional sum for Interest on that amount calculated from twenty (20) days after entry of this Consent Decree through the date of payment. Each Settling Defendant's check shall be made payable to Cashier, Department of Toxic Substances Control, and shall be forwarded to:

Department of Toxic Substances Control State of California Accounting Office 1001 I Street Sacramento, California 95814

Each Settling Defendant shall send a transmittal letter with its check referencing the San Gabriel Valley Superfund Sites, Areas 1-4 (Suburban Operable Unit), Project Code No. 300131. Each Settling Defendant shall also send a copy of its check and transmittal letter to DTSC, EPA and DOJ as specified in Section XIII (Notices and Submissions).

VI. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS OF CONSENT DECREE

7. <u>Interest on Late Payments</u>. In the event that any payment required by Section V (Reimbursement of Response Costs), or Section VI, Paragraph 8 (Stipulated Penalties), is not received when due, Interest shall accrue on the unpaid balance through the date of payment.

8. Stipulated Penalties.

a. If any amounts due to the United States or to DTSC under this Consent Decree are not paid by the required date, the Settling Defendant(s) responsible for such payment shall pay to the United States if the delayed payment is for Past Response Costs, or to DTSC if the delayed payment is for DTSC Past

Response Costs, as a stipulated penalty, in addition to any
Interest required by Paragraphs 4 and 7, \$500 per violation per
day for the first 15 days and \$1,000 thereafter per violation per
day that the Settling Defendant's payment is late.

- b. If the responsible Settling Defendant(s) do not comply with Section X (Site Access), or Section XI (Access to Information), the non-complying Settling Defendant(s) shall pay to the United States, as a stipulated penalty, \$1,000 per violation per day of such noncompliance.
- c. Stipulated penalties are due and payable within 30 days of the date of the demand for payment of the penalties by EPA or DTSC. All payments to the United States under this Paragraph shall be made by certified or cashier's check made payable to "EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund" and shall be sent to:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX Superfund Accounting P.O. Box 360863M Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15251 Attention: Collection Officer for Superfund

All payments shall indicate that the payment is for stipulated penalties and shall reference the name and address of the party making payment, the San Gabriel Valley Superfund Sites, Areas 1-4 (Suburban Operable Unit), the USAO File Number, the EPA Region and Site Spill ID Number 09-M3, and DOJ Case Number 90-11-3-1691. Copies of the check[s] paid pursuant to this Paragraph, and any accompanying transmittal letter[s], shall be sent to EPA and DOJ as provided in Section XIII (Notices and Submissions).

d. All payments to DTSC under this Paragraph shall be made by certified or cashier's check made payable to Cashier,

Department of Toxic Substances Control, and shall be sent to:

Department of Toxic Substances Control State of California Accounting Office 1001 I Street Sacramento, California 95814

All payments shall indicate that the payment is for stipulated penalties and shall reference the name and address of the party making payment, and the San Gabriel Valley Superfund Sites, Area 1 (Suburban Operable Unit), Project Code No. 300131. Each Settling Defendant shall also send a copy of its check and transmittal letter to DTSC as specified in Section XIII (Notices and Submissions).

e. Penalties shall accrue as provided in Paragraph 8 regardless of whether Plaintiffs have notified the responsible Settling Defendant(s) of the violation or made a demand for payment, but need only be paid upon demand. However, payment shall be considered timely with respect to each Settling Defendant so long as the Settling Defendant demonstrates that it has given timely instructions to a competent financial institution for the subject EFT to be made in a timely manner, and has promptly after the transfer obtained a written verification from the financial institution that the EFT was made in accordance with the Settling Defendant's instructions. All penalties shall begin to accrue on the day after complete performance is due or the day a violation occurs, and shall continue to accrue through the final day of correction of the

- noncompliance or completion of the activity. Nothing herein shall prevent the simultaneous accrual of separate penalties for separate violations of this Consent Decree.
- 9. If the United States or DTSC brings an action to enforce this Consent Decree against a Settling Defendant, that Settling Defendant shall reimburse the United States and DTSC for all costs of such action, including but not limited to costs of attorney time.
- 10. Payments made under Paragraphs 7 through 9 shall be in addition to any other remedies or sanctions available to Plaintiffs by virtue of any Settling Defendant's failure to comply with the requirements of this Consent Decree.
- 11. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, the United States and/or DTSC may, in their respective unreviewable discretion, waive payment of any portion of the stipulated penalties that have accrued to the respective Plaintiff pursuant to this Consent Decree.

VII. COVENANT NOT TO SUE BY PLAINTIFFS

12. Covenant Not to Sue by United States. Except as specifically provided in Paragraph 14 (Reservation of Rights by United States and DTSC), the United States covenants not to sue Settling Defendants, and each of them, pursuant to Section 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a), to recover Past Response Costs. This covenant not to sue shall take effect as to each Settling Defendant upon payment to EPA of all payments required from that Settling Defendant by Section V, Paragraph 4 (Payment of Response Costs to the United States) and Section VI, Paragraphs 7

(Interest on Late Payments) and 8(a) (Stipulated Penalties). Each Settling Defendant's covenant not to sue is conditioned upon the satisfactory performance by that Settling Defendant of its obligations under this Consent Decree. This covenant not to sue extends only to Settling Defendants and their respective employees, officers, and directors, but only to the extent that the liability of such employees, officers, and directors is based on their status, and they have acted in their capacities as employees, officers, or directors. This covenant not to sue shall also extend to any liability that OSCO derives from Stanley Peckham to the extent that OSCO has succeeded to the liabilities of Stanley Peckham. This covenant not to sue shall also extend to any liability that Waste Management, Inc. derives from OSCO or Stanley Peckham to the extent, if any, that Waste Management, Inc. has succeeded to the liabilities of OSCO or Stanley Peckham. This covenant not to sue does not extend to any other person. the event of a breach by a Settling Defendant of its obligations under this Consent Decree, the covenant shall remain in effect as to the other Settling Defendants.

13. Covenant Not to Sue by DTSC. Except as specifically provided in Paragraph 14 (Reservation of Rights by United States and DTSC), DTSC covenants not to sue Settling Defendants, and each of them, pursuant to Section 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a), and Section 7003 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act and comparable state law, including but not limited to, the California Civil Code § 3494, and California Health and Safety Code §§ 205 and 206, to recover DTSC Past Response Costs.

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This covenant not to sue shall take effect as to each Settling Defendant upon payment to DTSC of all payments required from that Settling Defendant by Section V, Paragraph 6 (Payment of Response Costs to DTSC) and Section VI, Paragraphs 7 (Interest on Late Payments) and 8(a) (Stipulated Penalties). Each Settling Defendant's covenant not to sue is conditioned upon the satisfactory performance by that Settling Defendant of its obligations under this Consent Decree. This covenant not to sue extends only to Settling Defendants and their respective employees, officers, and directors, but only to the extent that the liability of such employees, officers, and directors is based on their status, and they have acted in their capacities as employees, officers, or directors. This covenant not to sue shall also extend to any liability that OSCO derives from Stanley Peckham to the extent that OSCO has succeeded to the liabilities of Stanley Peckham. This covenant not to sue shall also extend to any liability that Waste Management, Inc. derives from OSCO or Stanley Peckham to the extent, if any, that Waste Management, Inc. has succeeded to the liabilities of OSCO or Stanley Peckham. This covenant not to sue does not extend to any other person. the event of a breach by a Settling Defendant of its obliqations under this Consent Decree, the covenant shall remain in effect as to the other Settling Defendants.

14. Reservation of Rights by United States and DTSC. The covenants not to sue set forth in Paragraphs 12 and 13 do not pertain to any matters other than those expressly specified therein. The United States and DTSC reserve, and this Consent

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Decree is without prejudice to, all rights against each Settling

Defendant with respect to all other matters, including but not

limited to:

- a. liability for failure of that Settling Defendant to meet a requirement of this Consent Decree;
- b. liability for damages for injury to, destruction of, or loss of natural resources, including the reasonable costs of assessing such injury, destruction, or loss;
 - c. criminal liability;
- d. liability for injunctive relief or administrative order enforcement under Section 106 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 6906;
- e. liability for costs incurred or to be incurred by the United States that are not within the definition of Past Response Costs;
- f. liability for costs incurred or to be incurred by DTSC that are not within the definition of DTSC Past Response Costs;
- g. liability arising from the past, present, or future disposal, release, or threat of release of hazardous substances outside of the Site; and
- h. liability arising from R. H. Peterson Company's future acts or omissions regarding soil and groundwater contamination at the former R. H. Peterson Company facility.
- i. liability arising from OSCO's future acts or omissions regarding soil and groundwater contamination at the former OSCO facility.

VIII. COVENANT NOT TO SUE BY SETTLING DEFENDANTS

- 15. Settling Defendants covenant not to sue and agree not to assert any claims or causes of action against the United States or DTSC, or their contractors or employees, with respect to Past Response Costs, DTSC Past Response Costs or this Consent Decree, including but not limited to:
- a. any direct or indirect claim for reimbursement from the Hazardous Substance Superfund based on Sections 106(b)(2), 107, 111, 112, or 113 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9606(b)(2), 9607, 9611, 9612, or 9613, or any other provision of law;
- b. any claims arising under the United States

 Constitution, the California Constitution, State law, the Tucker

 Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1491, or common law, arising out of or relating

 to past or future access to, imposition of deed restrictions or

 easements, or other restrictions on the use and enjoyment of

 property identified in Paragraph 18 owned or controlled by the

 Settling Defendants;
- c. any claims for costs, fees or expenses incurred in this action (including claims arising under the Equal Access to Justice Act, as amended, 28 U.S.C. § 2412) or under any provision of State law.
- d. any claim arising out of response actions at the Site for which the Past Response Costs or DTSC Past Response Costs were incurred; and
- e. any claim against the United States or DTSC pursuant to Sections 107 and 113 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9607 and

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9613, relating to Past Response Costs or DTSC Past Response Costs.

16. Nothing in this Consent Decree shall be deemed to constitute approval or preauthorization of a claim within the meaning of Section 111 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9611, or 40 C.F.R. § 300.700(d).

IX. EFFECT OF SETTLEMENT/CONTRIBUTION PROTECTION

- 17. Nothing in this Consent Decree shall be construed to create any rights in, or grant any cause of action to, any person not a Party to this Consent Decree. Except as expressly provided otherwise herein, each of the Parties reserves any and all rights (including, but not limited to, any right to contribution), defenses, claims, demands, and causes of action which each Party may have with respect to any matter, transaction, or occurrence relating in any way to the Site against any person not a Party hereto.
- 18. The Parties agree, and by entering this Consent Decree this Court finds, that each of the Settling Defendants and their respective employees, officers, and directors (but only to the extent that the liability of such employees, officers, and directors is based on their status, and they have acted in their capacities as employees, officers, or directors), are entitled, as of the effective date of this Consent Decree, to protection from contribution actions or claims as provided by Section 113(f)(2) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9613(f)(2), for "matters addressed" in this Consent Decree. The Parties also agree, and by entering this Consent Decree this Court finds, that OSCO is

entitled to the above protection from contribution actions or claims to the extent that OSCO has succeeded to the liabilities of Stanley Peckham. The Parties also agree, and by entering this Consent Decree this Court finds, that Waste Management, Inc. is entitled to the above protection from contribution actions or claims to the extent, if any, that Waste Management, Inc. has succeeded to the liabilities of OSCO or Stanley Peckham. The "matters addressed" in this Consent Decree shall mean all response costs incurred as a result of past releases of chlorinated solvents and "BTEX" compounds (Benzene, Toluene, Ethylbenzene and Xylene) from the former R. H. Peterson Company facility located at 530 Baldwin Park Boulevard, City of Industry, California, and the former OSCO facility located in the vicinity of Alanwood Road, La Puente, California (formerly known as 539 South Bassetdale, La Puente, California), except that the "matters addressed" exclude any EPA and DTSC response costs paid after the date of lodging of this Consent Decree, and any response costs incurred in connection with future groundwater remediation for the Site, including groundwater remediation at the former R. H. Peterson Company and OSCO facilities.

19. Each Settling Defendant agrees that, with respect to any suit or claim for contribution brought by it for matters related to this Consent Decree, it will notify EPA, DOJ and DTSC in writing no later than 30 days prior to the initiation of such suit or claim. Each Settling Defendant also agrees that, with respect to any suit or claim for contribution brought against it for matters related to this Consent Decree, it will notify EPA,

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DOJ and DTSC in writing within 10 days of service of the complaint or claim upon it. In addition, each Settling Defendant shall notify EPA, DOJ and DTSC within 10 days of service or receipt of any Motion for Summary Judgment, and within 10 days of receipt of any order from a court setting a case for trial, for matters related to this Consent Decree.

In any subsequent administrative or judicial proceeding initiated by the United States or DTSC for injunctive relief, recovery of response costs, or other relief relating to the Site, Settling Defendant(s) shall not assert, and may not maintain, any defense or claim based upon the principles of waiver, res judicata, collateral estoppel, issue preclusion, claim-splitting, or other defenses based upon any contention that the claims raised by the United States or DTSC in the subsequent proceeding were or should have been brought in the instant case; provided, however, that nothing in this Paragraph affects the enforceability of the Covenant Not to Sue by Plaintiffs set forth in Section VII. Except as provided in Paragraph 15 and this Paragraph, Settling Defendants do not waive and expressly reserve all claims or defenses they may have. OSCO expressly reserves the right to challenge EPA's determination that it owned and/or operated the property in the vicinity of Alanwood Road in any subsequent administrative or judicial proceeding initiated by the United States or DTSC.

X. SITE ACCESS

21. Commencing upon the date of lodging of this Consent

Decree, each Settling Defendant agrees, to the extent that it has

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access rights to the property identified in Paragraph 18, to provide the United States, DTSC, and their representatives, including EPA and its contractors, access at all reasonable times to such property for the purpose of conducting any response activity related to the Site, including but not limited to:

- a. Monitoring of investigation, removal, remedial or other activities at the Site;
- b. Verifying any data or information submitted to the United States or DTSC;
- c. Conducting investigations relating to contamination at or near the Site;
 - d. Obtaining samples;
- e. Assessing the need for, planning, or implementing response actions at or near the Site; and
- f. Inspecting and copying records, operating logs, contracts, or other documents maintained or generated by any Settling Defendant or its agents, consistent with Section XI (Access to Information).
- 22. Notwithstanding any provision of this Consent Decree, the United States and DTSC retain all of their access authorities and rights, including enforcement authorities related thereto, under CERCLA, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. § 6927, and any other applicable statutes or regulations.

XI. ACCESS TO INFORMATION

23. Each Settling Defendant shall provide to EPA and DTSC, upon request, copies of all documents and information within its possession or control or that of its contractors or agents

relating to activities at the Site, including, but not limited to, sampling, analysis, chain of custody records, manifests, trucking logs, receipts, reports, sample traffic routing, correspondence, or other documents or information related to the Site.

24. <u>Confidential Business Information and Privileged</u> Documents.

- a. Each Settling Defendant may assert business confidentiality claims covering part or all of the documents or information submitted to Plaintiffs under this Consent Decree to the extent permitted by and in accordance with Section 104(e)(7) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9604(e)(7), and 40 C.F.R. § 2.203(b). Documents or information determined to be confidential by EPA will be accorded the protection specified in 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart B. If no claim of confidentiality accompanies documents or information when they are submitted to EPA or DTSC, or if EPA has notified the Settling Defendant that the documents or information are not confidential under the standards of Section 104(e)(7) of CERCLA, the public may be given access to such documents or information without further notice to the Settling Defendant.
- b. Each Settling Defendant may assert that certain documents, records or other information are privileged under the attorney-client privilege or any other privilege recognized by federal or California state law. If a Settling Defendant asserts such a privilege in lieu of providing documents, it shall provide Plaintiffs with the following: 1) the title of the document,

record, or information; 2) the date of the document, record, or 1 information; 3) the name and title of the author of the document, 2 record, or information; 4) the name and title of each addressee 3 and recipient; 5) a description of the subject of the document, 4 record, or information; and 6) the privilege asserted. However, 5 no documents, reports or other information created or generated 6 pursuant to the requirements of this or any other consent decree 7 with the United States shall be withheld on the grounds that they 8 are privileged. If a claim of privilege applies only to a 9 portion of a document, the document shall be provided to 10 Plaintiffs in redacted form to mask the privileged information 11 Each Settling Defendant shall retain all records and 12 documents that it claims to be privileged until the United States 13 and DTSC have had a reasonable opportunity to dispute the 14 privilege claim and any such dispute has been resolved in the 15 Settling Defendant's favor. 16

c. No claim of confidentiality shall be made with respect to any data, including but not limited to, all sampling, analytical, monitoring, hydrogeologic, scientific, chemical, or engineering data, or any other documents or information evidencing conditions at or around the Site as provided in Section 104(e)(7)(f) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9604(e)(7)(f).

XII. <u>RETENTION OF RECORDS</u>

25. Until 10 years after the entry of this Consent Decree, each Settling Defendant shall preserve and retain all records and documents now in its possession or control, or which come into its possession or control, that relate in any manner to response

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actions taken at the Site or the liability of any person for response actions conducted and to be conducted at the Site, regardless of any corporate retention policy to the contrary.

After the conclusion of the document retention period in the preceding Paragraph, each Settling Defendant shall notify EPA, DOJ and DTSC at least 90 days prior to the destruction of any such records or documents, and, upon request by EPA, DOJ or DTSC, the Settling Defendant shall deliver any such records or documents to EPA or DTSC. Each Settling Defendant may assert that certain documents, records, or other information are privileged under the attorney-client privilege or any other privilege recognized by federal law. If a Settling Defendant asserts such a privilege, it shall provide Plaintiffs with the following: 1) the title of the document, record, or information; 2) the date of the document, record, or information; 3) the name and title of the author of the document, record, or information; 4) the name and title of each addressee and recipient; 5) a description of the subject of the document, record, or information; and 6) the privilege asserted. However, no documents, reports, or other information created or generated pursuant to the requirements of this or any other consent decree with the United States shall be withheld on the grounds that they are privileged. If a claim of privilege applies only to a portion of a document, the document shall be provided to Plaintiffs in redacted form to mask the privileged information only. Each Settling Defendant shall retain all records and documents that they claim to be privileged until the United

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States and DTSC have had a reasonable opportunity to dispute the privilege claim and any such dispute has been resolved in the Settling Defendant's favor.

- 27. By signing this Consent Decree, each Settling Defendant certifies individually that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, it has:
- a. conducted a thorough, comprehensive, good faith search for documents, and has fully and accurately disclosed to Plaintiffs, all non-privileged information currently in its possession, or in the possession of its officers, directors, employees, contractors or agents, which relates in any way to the ownership, operation or control of the Site, or to the ownership, possession, generation, treatment, transportation, storage or disposal of a hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant at or in connection with the Site;
- b. not altered, mutilated, discarded, destroyed or otherwise disposed of any unique records, documents or other information relating to its potential liability regarding the Site, after notification of potential liability or the filing of a suit against the Settling Defendant regarding the Site, other than in the ordinary course of business in compliance with federal and state laws and not for an improper purpose; and
- c. fully complied with any and all EPA requests for information regarding the Site pursuant to Sections 104(e) and 122(e) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9604(e) and 9622(e).

XIII. NOTICES AND SUBMISSIONS

28. Whenever, under the terms of this Consent Decree, notice is required to be given or a document is required to be sent by one party to another, it shall be directed to the individuals at the addresses specified below, unless those individuals or their successors give notice of a change to the other Parties in writing. Written notice as specified herein shall constitute complete satisfaction of any written notice requirement of the Consent Decree with respect to the United States, EPA, DOJ, DTSC, and each of the Settling Defendants, respectively.

As to the United States or DOJ:

Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section Environment and Natural Resources Division U.S. Department of Justice (DJ # 90-11-3-1691) P.O. Box 7611 Washington, D.C. 20044-7611 202-616-8766; 202-514-2583 (fax)

As to EPA:

Remedial Project Manager, Suburban Operable Unit San Gabriel Valley Superfund Site, Area 1 Superfund Division (SFD-7) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX 75 Hawthorne Street San Francisco, California 94105

Brett P. Moffatt Assistant Regional Counsel (ORC-3) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX 75 Hawthorne Street San Francisco, CA 94105 415-972-3946; 415-947-3570 (fax)

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As to the Department of Toxic Substances Control: 1 Ann Rushton 2 Deputy Attorney General, Environment Section California Department of Justice 3 300 South Spring Street, #5000 Los Angeles, California 90013 4 213-897-2608; 213-897-2802 (fax) 5 Sayareh Amir Acting Chief, Site Mitigation Branch 6 Department of Toxic Substances Control, Region 3 1011 North Grandview Avenue 7 Glendale, California 8 As to Settling Defendants: 9 R. H. Peterson Company c/o Raymond T. Reott 10 Law Offices of Raymond T. Reott, LLC 35 East Wacker Drive, Suite 1750 11 Chicago, Illinois 60601 312-332-7544; 312-782-4519 Fax 12 Oil & Solvent Process Company, 13 Chemical Waste Management, Inc. Waste Management, Inc. 14 c/o P.B. "Lynn" Walker Coffey Fognani Guibord Homsy & Roberts, LLP. 15 555 Seventeenth Street 26th Floor Denver, Colorado 80202 16 303-382-6200; 303-382-6210 (fax) 17 Waste Management, Inc. Attn: Steve Morgan 18 Vice President and Assistant General Counsel 1001 Fannin Street 19 Houston, Texas 77002 713-512-6369; 713-209-9711 (fax) 20 21 XV. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION 22 29. This Court shall retain jurisdiction over this matter for 23 the purpose of interpreting and enforcing the terms of this Consent 24 Decree. 25 26

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XVI. INTEGRATION/APPENDICES

30. This Consent Decree constitutes the final, complete and exclusive agreement and understanding among the Parties with respect to the settlement embodied in this Consent Decree. The Parties acknowledge that there are no representations, agreements or understandings relating to the settlement other than those expressly contained in this Consent Decree.

XVI. LODGING AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

- 31. This Consent Decree shall be lodged with the Court for a period of not less than 30 days for public notice and comment. The United States reserves the right to withdraw or withhold its consent if the comments regarding the Consent Decree disclose facts or considerations which indicate that this Consent Decree is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. Settling Defendants consent to the entry of this Consent Decree without further notice.
- 32. If for any reason this Court should decline to approve this Consent Decree in the form presented, this agreement is voidable at the sole discretion of any Party and the terms of the agreement may not be used as evidence in any litigation between the Parties.

XVII. EFFECTIVE DATE

33. The effective date of this Consent Decree shall be the date upon which it is entered by the Court.

XVIII. SIGNATORIES/SERVICE

- 34. Each undersigned representative of a Settling Defendant to this Consent Decree, the Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division of the United States Department of Justice and the Deputy Attorney General of the California Department of Justice, certifies that he or she is authorized to enter into the terms and conditions of this Consent Decree and to execute and bind legally such Party to this document.
- 35. Each Settling Defendant hereby agrees not to oppose entry of this Consent Decree by this Court or to challenge any provision of this Consent Decree, unless the United States has notified Settling Defendants in writing that it no longer supports entry of the Consent Decree.
- 36. Each Settling Defendant shall identify, on the attached signature page, the name and address of an agent who is authorized to accept service of process by mail on behalf of that Settling Defendant with respect to all matters arising under or relating to this Consent Decree. Each Settling Defendant hereby agrees to accept service in that manner and to waive the formal service requirements set forth in Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and any applicable local rules of this Court, including but not limited to, service of a summons.

XIX. FINAL JUDGMENT

37. Upon approval and entry of this Consent Decree by the Court, this Consent Decree shall constitute a final judgment between and among the United States, California Department

of Toxic Substances Control, R. H. Peterson Company, Oil & Solvent Process Company and Chemical Waste Management, Inc. The Court finds that there is no just reason for delay and therefore enters this judgment as a final judgment under Fed. R. Civ. P. 54 and 58.

SO ORDERED THIS

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Honorable Terry J. Hatter United States District Judge

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